



Race Track and Grand Stand, Hilo, Hawaii

**Volcano Stables and Transportation Co.**

The present limited railway connections with various parts of the island of Hawaii necessitated the establishing and maintenance of the above incorporation some eight years ago, since which time the varied interests of the concern have grown to large proportions.

The stables of the company are located on Waiuanue street, extending back to Hotel street, and standing on ground 80x230. The livery business is but one branch of their vast operations, as they carry on trucking, draying and teaming, and are now working between 200 and 250 head of stock. At the present time there are 106 names on the pay-roll of the concern, the average being about 120 names.

This concern is the pioneer in the day and night carriage service of Hilo, and has at present nineteen carriages in operation, and is furnishing quick and satisfactory means of reaching various parts of the Hilo district and elsewhere.

In the operation of their business the company conduct their own horse-shoeing, wheelwright, blacksmith and harness shops, and turn out all work required by the various departments of the business, as likewise do work of all kinds for the general public, having recently constructed two large modern ice wagons for the new Hilo Electric Power Company.

In addition to the main stables the company has extra buildings and stables midway between Hilo and Waiakea, where the stock used in draying and trucking and building roads is kept.

The field occupied by the above company is, to all intents and purposes, conducted upon the same lines as all large express companies, as, in the operation of their business, they practically cover the entire island of Hawaii with stage lines, and conduct a passenger, mail and package express throughout the island.

The above company is also the owner of the Volcano stage line, running tri-weekly stages to and from the great crater of Kilauea. Another line operated by the company runs from the Volcano to Pahala and on to Honuapo, where passengers on the steamer Mauna Loa of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company are met and conveyed to Hilo by the way of the Volcano. Another prominent line of the company

operates between Hilo and Laupahoehoe.

As showing the magnitude of the above company and how closely their operations must be considered with any present or future development of the island of Hawaii, attention must be called to the fact that about a year ago the company secured some fifty-three acres of land within a mile of Hilo and formed what is known as the Hoolulu Park, where has been expended fully \$15,000 in the building of a fine half-mile track, sixty feet in width, and a grand stand capable of seating over 2000 people. Adjoining the grand stand and practically under the same roof is a magnificent hall 65x120, capable of seating 600 persons, and a finely equipped stage 20x40, supplied with scenery, electric lights, drop curtain, etc.

There are thirty-five box stalls in which are such horses as General Cronje, Billy McClusky, Morrill's Faust and Mollie Connors, who are well known to the average Honoluluite who attends the races. In the maintenance of the track and grounds the company has adopted the very latest ideas such as electric barriers for starting the horses, while recent changes have been made in the start and finish at the track, by making it more of an oval shape.

In the conduct of the park it is the intention to hold races at least twice a year, and to encourage in every manner possible the breeding up and improving of equine flesh in the island of Hawaii.

The management of the company's affairs has been placed in the hands of Geo. S. McKenzie, who is likewise one of its directors and stockholders. Mr. McKenzie is from the Mainland, where he was sheriff of Napa county for ten years, having been elected to that office for four consecutive terms. Mr. McKenzie is a great admirer of a good horse, and personally owns a number of fleet-footed members of the equine family.

Following are the officers and directors of the Volcano Stables & Transportation Company:

C. C. Kennedy, President.  
J. A. Scott, Vice President.  
Chas. H. Fairer, Treasurer.  
J. W. Mason, Secretary.  
R. T. Guard, Auditor.  
Geo. S. McKenzie, Manager.  
The first four named officers with Mr. McKenzie form the Board of Directors, rectors.

**A. S. Richley.**

In all communities there are a few men who by their keen foresight, push and enterprise accomplish many things that redound to the interest and general development of the section in which they operate. As such the name of A. S. Richley is a prominent one.

In January, 1898, Mr. Richley came to Hilo from Oregon for his health, where the balmy tropical climate of Hawaii soon



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wooded the color to his cheeks. Mr. Richley is an architect and builder of a high order, and the evidence of his work may be seen in the number of fine business blocks and residences that adorn the streets of Hilo, prominent among which may be mentioned the handsome stone and brick business block of W. C. Peacock & Co., the beautiful colonial and Moorish residence of Phineas Peck of the Bank of Hilo, the Bishop School for Girls, and Sisters' residence, all the public school buildings of Hilo, buildings and residences for the Hilo Railroad Company and many of the residences at Riverside Park, one of the most beautiful residence sites in the city of Hilo.

In the State of Oregon he reared the branch asylum for the insane, which will stand for ages as a monument to the skill and workmanship of Mr. Richley. At Portland may be seen the magnificent Oregonian building and several other structures are the result of his handiwork.

Mr. Richley is an authority on the systems of cold storage as applied in various parts of the United States, having perfected and simplified many ideas in connection with that subject, which are now in daily use. He patented a system of cold storage cars which are now in daily use by the Union Meat Company of Portland, and in constant operation over the Union Pacific Railroad.

At Tacoma he constructed the plant of the Pacific Meat Cold Storage Company, whereof the arrangement is such that cars fitted with cold storage may enter the buildings from the main track and ascend to the third story.

At Riverside Park, overlooking beautiful Hilo Bay and the broad Pacific Ocean and surrounded by a wealth of tropical vegetation, the subject of this sketch has reared for the woman of his choice one of the most unique and elegantly appointed homes to

be found within the confines of Hilo. The general arrangement of the house, as likewise the interior finish, displays good taste and refinement, while here and there tropical plants and beautiful maidenhair ferns in unique pots and boxes lend a charm to the interior.

**W. H. Shipman.**

Among the many beautiful homes that may be seen in the residence districts of Hilo is that of W. H. Shipman, recently purchased. The house is a three-story modern structure situated upon a beautiful eminence covering some two acres, and commanding a beautiful view of Hilo and the broad expanse of the Pacific ocean. The location of this lovely home is known as Riverside Park, a most beautiful suburb of Hilo, and at no distant date will be accessible by an electric railway system. The residence contains twelve beautiful and well-arranged rooms, the entire house being supplied with electric lights furnished by the Hilo Electric Light Company.

The main approach to the residence is through a beautiful "portico," and taking the residence and grounds as a whole, it forms a lovely home. Mr. Shipman is interested in several local enterprises such as the First Bank of Hilo, the Hilo Electric Light Company, and other enterprises. Mr. Shipman is heavily interested in the cattle business and at present owns fully 4000 head of island-bred cattle, and it is his intention to import Hereford, Durham and Holstein bulls, for grading up, it being well established that the above breeds make heavy and excellent beef cattle. At the present time the principal ranges for the 4000 head of beef cattle owned by Mr. Shipman are in the Keauau and Puuwaawaa districts, and Mauna Loa at Waihee. At one time Mr. Shipman was the sole proprietor of the Pacific and Hilo meat markets, which were supplied with beef from his own herds, and which have now been incorporated as the Hilo Market Company, Limited, in which concern Hind & Low of Kohala, the Kukaiau plantation and W. H. Shipman of Hilo are largely interested.

Mr. Shipman was born at Lahaina, island of Maui, forty-six years ago, and was educated at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, and after a four years' course he graduated and came to the island of Hawaii, where he has remained ever since. His landed interests, lying along the Volcano road from Hilo for miles, are a princely possession. In this report on Hilo and the island of Hawaii in general, we present a cut of the handsome home place of the gentleman whose name precedes this article.

**The Moana Hotel Co., Ltd., Leading First-class Hotel in Honolulu.**

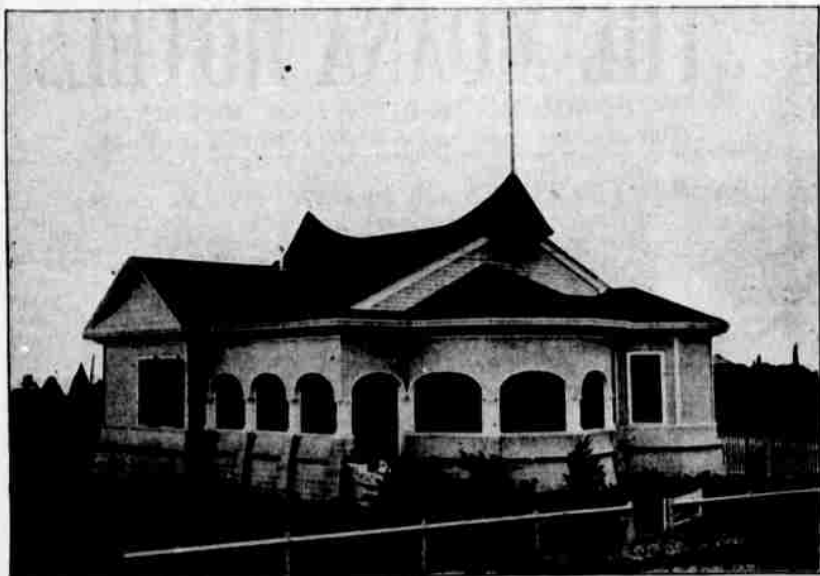
The above hotel, under the management of J. W. Allen, will surpass in the appointment, furnishings, table and general service any other hostelry in Honolulu or the Hawaiian Islands in general. The Moana Hotel is beautifully situated at Waikiki Beach, while from its broad lanais a magnificent view is obtainable of the broad Pacific Ocean, Diamond Head, etc., while the green lawns and tropical plants and flowers that surround the hotel lend a charm to the place. The hotel is in every respect a modern and up-to-date hostelry, each and every room being supplied with electric lights, telephone, call bells, etc., and nothing has been left undone that would in any manner add to the comfort of guests.

Ever since the hotel threw open its doors it has enjoyed the patronage of tourists and people from all over the world, and is one of the most delightfully situated hotels in the world, while on the hotel register will be found the names of many distinguished people. Although the hotel has been open less than a year, it is becoming widely known throughout the United States, as likewise from Hongkong to Yokohama, to London and Continental countries.

A feature of this truly magnificent hostelry is the roof garden, where one can secure an unobstructed view of mountain, valley and the broad Pacific Ocean.

The hotel has its own electric power plant, running Otis elevators, over 1200 electric lights, ice manufactory and cold-storage plants, steam laundry, etc.

A pier extending 300 feet into the ocean, a smoking lanai, sub-marine electric light fishing apparatus, representing most unique and interesting features in hotel life.



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Library & Reading Room  
ASSOCIATION